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Wheelon (DDS&T) to DCI

I do not know background of Mr. Gilpatric's proposal for a NRP Review Committee except gather McMillan had a hand in drafting it.

2 things wrong:

a) It subordinates  and myself to McMillan when in fact we are trying to provide constructive inquiry and criticism of his program.

b) The charter for the NRP Review Committee is circumscribed and does not include such key items as management change procedures (such as CORONA technical health of going programs (such as CORONA J), etc. which are certainly part of my responsibility in supporting you - and in fact occupied most of our first meeting yesterday.

I believe these deficiencies have not escaped McMillan. Being the kind of autocratic manager he is, it is understandable that he is not anxious to have a pair of overseers. However, his record to date shows that this is just what he needs and you will only negate that by signing this directive in hand. I suggest that you call Gilpatric back indicating that the meetings already seem to be well started and that no structuring or chartering is needed or desirable.

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NRO review(s) completed.

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